

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
with Fern Cox

State Rep. Carla Blanchard Dariez, of Morgan City, LA is running for reelection. She is supposed to be a seasoned politician and her husband is head of the Democrat Party in that area. However she recently did one of those dumb things that even her repeated apologies don't clear up. Here is the picture. She was talking with (and thanking) a female family member of the local NAACP leader, which was solid in support of her campaign. She ended the phone call with a "Talk to you later, Buckwheat." Now those of you old enough to remember that children's comedy "Little Rascals" at the movie and/or on TV remember Buckwheat was the minority member of the Rascals . . . and his character was very stereotyped. Why in the world those words were ever used in her mouth, is beyond our understanding. Then to speak them was, well it was and continues to appear pure dumb . . . or stupid. Even we wonder if she is remotely qualified to be in any public office.

Recently "Ye Ole Publisher" has been feeling a bit nostalgic. This lead to the bright idea of splitting some oak firewood (a hated job as a teenager) we had saved from some smart tree cutting in the back yard. Our house hasn't burned wood, but all three of our children have that option. Well, first our ax is not a heavy duty ax nor do we have the proper wedge for log splitting. Still, making do with what was at hand was going to bring back childhood memories and have that good, dry firewood ready for one of the children. It would also fill a health recommendation of getting regular exercise. This would be heavy duty work but the children will also strengthen bones, etc. At our age such things are more and more on our mind. As a child we watched a grandfather split wood in what seemed like effortless, smooth motions. Somehow that didn't translate to our body as a teen and for sure not today. Maybe now our bones are stronger and our blood is pumping better, etc., but Saturday afternoon the lungs and the muscles were quickly in union with cries for relief, long before we wisely delayed continuing the project! The above feelings and reactions don't take into account the large log which rolled, bounced or whatever and whacked our shin bone real good. That hurt and caused a couple of strong "gee golly, gee whiz" comments.

Last month there was a scheduled public debate in Dothan over creation or evolution. No loud explosions were heard from Dothan that evening but no doubt it contained some tense moments. Such discussions usually awaken strong emotions. Even our position on the subject raises the hackles of some folks. Once we heard an ordained minister say from the pulpit that he could accept that both creation and evolution were involved in humans as we know them today. Our instant thought was "Hey preacher, that is our belief also!" Don't expect our simple brain to give the world the exact details on all this, nor do we expect all our readers to agree . . . and we respect the opinions of those who do think otherwise. Unfortunately it is a debate which will not be settled any time soon. Hopefully we can all thank God and give him full credit for all of it.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, November 5, 2007, investigated the following incidents: four for criminal mischief; two for theft of property, two for domestic violence, one for menacing, two for possession of drug paraphabilia, three for harassment, one for vehicle damage, one for driving under the influence, two for unlawful possession of a controlled substance and one for distribution of a controlled substance.

The following arrests were made: one for criminal mischief, two for possession of drug paraphabilia, one for domestic violence, one for criminal possession of a forged instrument, one for harassing communications, one for failure to appear, two for possession of a controlled substance and one for driving under the influence.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for no insurance, three for an open container, three for running a stop sign, one for no proof of insurance, eleven for violation of the seat belt law, two for speeding, one for no driver's license and two for a suspended driver's license.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5 – Minor two-vehicle wreck in front of Dairy Queen (1:38 p.m.); Domestic disturbance (verbal) reported at 831 E. Davis St. (5:33 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 1018 Hickman Ave. (10:48 p.m.).

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Several Elba natives currently hold the office of mayor

Written by Sheila Hornsby

Elba, Ala has long been known as the City of the Flowing Wells and The Little Town With the Big Heart. Maybe it is time to add to those nicknames, The City of Mayors.

While James Grimes maybe the only Mayor of the City of Elba, he is not Elba's only Mayor. At least four other Elba natives are currently holding the office of Mayor. These four are in Coffee County and Northwest Florida cities.

Mayor Grimes is currently in his third term of Mayor of Elba. He is the son of Joseph Button and Lena Grimes. Grimes was born and raised in Elba and graduated Elba High School in 1957 where he was Vice-President of his Senior class.

Walter Kelley is in his second term as Mayor of Lynn Haven, Florida after having served one term as a city councilman. He went to Elba High School through the 10th grade. The son of Mr. & Mrs. George Samuel Kelley, he grew up on a farm on Elba Route 5. He served in the U.S. Air Force and served a five year tour at the Pentagon. He served as Police Chief of Callaway, Florida and has had an active career serving on the Bay Council of Panama City Beach

in 2000 and appointed Mayor in 2006. Mayor Obern represents Panama City Beach on the Bay County Environmental Quality Commission, Board of Directors of Florida Mayors' Association, Chairing the Northwest Florida League of Cities and serving on the Planning Board of the City of Mayors.

Kenneth Boswell began his government career as an Enterprise City Councilman in 2000. He has been Mayor of Enterprise since 2003. Mayor Boswell grew up in Elba. The son of Alvin and Doris Farmer and graduated from Elba in 1961. She was elected to the City Council of Panama City Beach

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WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday - 6 p.m. - City Hall.

ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. - 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church-enter on side on W. Davis St.-Maggie Gentry Classroom.

ELBA CITY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center.

ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 2nd Tues. @ 6 p.m. City Office.

AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Tuesday of every month 7:00 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

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CARD meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month.

ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room.

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Diploma awarded to World War II Veteran

Elba High holds Veterans Day program

by Kim Blue

It is a tradition at Elba High School to present a Veterans Day program a few days before the actual Veterans Day. This year's program took place Thursday, Nov. 8, in the Elba High School auditorium.

This year, however, there were numerous special events that took part during the program.

Ashley Carpenter opened the ceremony and welcomed the veterans to Elba High School. Tiffany Johnson recited a moving poem entitled, "I Am the Flag," which personifies the flag.

Following this, Karen Huckaba said a prayer and led the student body, veterans, and the visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance. Next, two Elba High School teachers, Mrs. Fuller and Coach Peacock, played the piano and sang the "National Anthem."

Following was the presentation to the veterans. Some of the veterans who were involved in the program were Sergeant Jim Gilmer, Sergeant First Class Kenneth Moyer, Private Boyd Murphree, Chief Gunners Mate Ben Busbee, Staff Sergeant Willie Tillis Sr., Sergeant Patrick Sellers, Second Lieutenant Joseph Guererro, Master Sergeant David Carpenter, First Class Hospital Apprentice Robert Cannon, Chief Warrant Officer Russell Robinson, Chief Petty Officer and Sergeant First Class Calvin Carpenter, Sergeant Mark Holt, and First Lieutenant William Cowart.

After the presentation, Mrs. Fuller played the piano and Daeneisha Jordan, senior at Elba High, sang "America the Beautiful."

This year there was a special presentation to one specific veteran, Mr. Ben Busbee.

Busbee was once a student at Elba High. However, he left his



Tiger Tales

Editors: Erica Daniels & Kelly Corder

JOURNALISM SPOTLIGHT

by Kim Blue



SENIORS UNITE AS ONE (by Malee Thomas). It is tradition at Elba High School for the seniors to sing a song together at the last regular season home football game pep rally. Around 70 seniors came together on Friday, Nov. 2, and united as the Class of 2008. They sang a song written by the hip hop artist, R. Kelly, entitled, "World's Greatest." This class has been one of the best to come through Elba High so far by getting the other EHS students involved.

Sr. Beta Club members participate with Pumpkins on the Square event

by Kiera Robertson

On Tuesday, Oct. 30, the Elba High School Sr. Beta Club joined in the fun of "Pumpkins on the Square," which was held from 5:30 till 7 p.m. The community event is sponsored annually by the Elba Chamber of Commerce.

The Sr. Beta Club had a booth set up to provide the trick-or-treaters with candy. Several businesses from the area also had booths set up, and the employees gave out candy.

To conclude his speech, Busbee thanked the Elba High School staff and student body.

Ashley Carpenter ended the program with their closing remarks as an Elba High School trumpet player played, "Taps."

Several FFA members travel to Peanut Festival

Submitted by Megan Anderson, FFA Treasurer

Edited by April Price

On Monday, Nov. 5, some 25 members of the Elba FFA took a trip to the National Peanut Festival in Dothan, Ala.

Several of the members participated in the competitions. Bradley Wilson, Jesse Dodd, and Jeremy Duncan participated in the Calf Scramble.

Bradley and Jeremy were both successful and brought two calves home to raise and train until next year. They will compete in a special calf show at the Peanut Festival next November for prize money and recognition. They will become sole owners of these calves after the show.

Bo Wiggins and Ashton Davis participated in the Greased Pig Chase. Those pigs were just too

greasy for the guys to hang on.

Chapter President Bradley Wilson, said, "We all had a wonderful time, and we would like to thank Jerrold Boswell for allowing us to use his cattle trailer. We also thank our school system and community for their support of our FFA."

Elba High Spanish classes celebrate Mexican holiday

Submitted by Kristin Kelley and Lindsey Smith

Edited by Kelly Corder

On Thursday, Nov. 1, Ms. Meadows' Spanish classes celebrated the Mexican holiday, Day of the Dead.

They celebrated by watching Spanish movies and creating Spanish projects that represented this holiday. They also enjoyed eating sweets and learning more about this holiday and the traditions that come with it.

One thing the students learned is the symbol for Day of the Dead is the skeleton or skull.

The Spanish celebrate their deceased relatives by making decorative altars with the deceased's favorite foods, drinks and the children's toys. They also include pictures of their dead loved ones.

The Day of the Dead is not a mourning of the deaths. It is a

decorating their graves with flowers and other objects.

The second day, Nov. 2, celebrates the adult passings. They also weep and decorate their loved ones' graves.

On the last day, Nov. 3, they put on skeleton masks and run through the streets screaming at the spirits leave.

They do this to make the spirits leave.

All of Ms. Meadows' Spanish classes enjoyed learning about this unusual holiday.

Tigers end regular season with big win

by Erica Daniels

The Elba-Opp game was a thriller throughout the first half, however, the Elba Tigers dominated the second half winning 41-21.

The Tigers were led by Trey Martin, who completed 18 of 25 passes for 331 yards and 3 touchdowns. Touchdown passes were to Carlos Matias for a total of 51 yards and to Michael Lindsey for 37 yards, who also scored on a 1-yard run.

Other scoring runs were made by Trey Martin, scoring on an 8-yard run, and Bobby Hudson, scoring on a 5-yard run. Richard Cooks added 3 points in successful extra-point attempts and caught a 2-point conversion pass.

For the regular season, our

Tigers scored 312 points,

which is the 3rd most in Elba High School history," said Coach Scott Rials. "The 7 regular season wins are the most for the Tigers since 1995."

Teacher Spotlight

by Yolanda Terry



THE OLD HAUNTED JAIL (by Meagan Anderson).

The Elba Chamber of Commerce recently hosted the 3rd annual "Old Haunted Jail." Many Elba High School students helped out in the jail and concession stands outside the jail. This event is a huge fundraiser for the chamber of commerce, and this year was a huge success. Besides the horror and terror of the Old Haunted Jail, children, teens and adults alike are still gossiping about how great of an experience they had.

Announcements:

- Varsity Basketball vs. Ariona - Nov. 16, (Here) @ 4:00
- Varsity Basketball vs. Kinston - Nov. 20, (Here) @ 4:00
- Grad Ad's are on sale! Prices are: \$50 for 1/8 page black and white, \$55 color; \$90 for 1/4 page black and white, \$100 color; \$110 for 1/2 page black and white, \$125 color; \$160 for full page black and white, \$180 color.

Martin has been married to her high school sweetheart, Chris, for 10 years. They have two dogs, Jack and Zoey.

Martin attended ECOC for two years, and then transferred to the University of Alabama. She has been teaching for 10 years.

Previously, Martin taught at South Montgomery County Academy, Highland Home and Escambia County.

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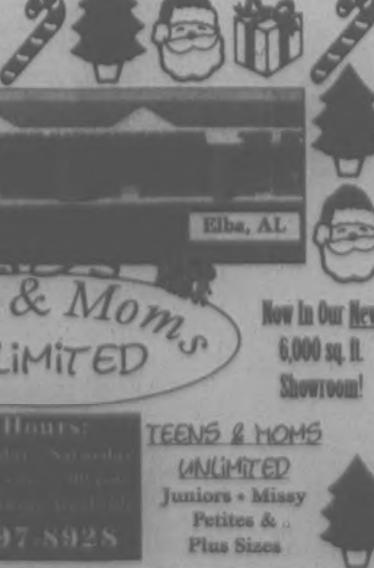
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The Senior Beta officers for this year and President-Stephanie Collier, Vice-President-Torie Hodge, Secretary-Luke Peters; Treasurer-Hurry White; and Publicity Chairperson-Becca Hodge.

In order to be in Senior Beta, students must have an 88 overall average in four core classes and also maintain at least an 85 throughout both semesters. Senior Beta is scheduled to meet the second Monday of every month.

The Senior Beta sponsor is Kimberly Braisted.

Senior Beta is sponsoring a community service project called, "Cell Phone for Soldiers." For every cell phone donated, no matter the condition, a soldier will get a calling card to call home with.

During Thanksgiving, Senior Beta is sponsoring a canned food drive and during Christmas, the club will have the annual Christmas party for underprivileged students.

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Veterans honored during ceremony held Friday, Nov. 9

On Friday, Nov. 9, Zion Chapel students, staff, parents and special guests attended the Veterans Appreciation Day ceremony at Green Memorial Stadium.

The ceremony was held at 9 a.m., in honor and memory of all Veterans. Things got off to a great start with a special entrance by the Jack Community Bikers, and the Boy Scouts led the pledge and presented the colors.

Sergeant Adam Barr sang the National Anthem. Danny Turner, a Jack Community Biker, draped a P.O.W. flag in memory of all of the missing veterans. Bob Hartwell, principal, welcomed everyone to the ceremony.

Kari Hurd spoke about the origins of Veterans Day. Lexie Carroll, Cody Daniels and Faith Dewberry made a special recitation about being Americans.

Then, Sergeant Adam Barr sang a special song, "I'm Proud to be an American".

Sergeant Sandy Smith spoke to the students about his experiences in Iraq and informed students about some of the things the news does not show. He also encouraged the students to be successful and never give up hope even in the worst times.

The Zion Chapel band played a patriotic song in honor of the branches of military service. There was also a speech on the current status of the military.

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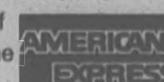
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THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Both the Mularz girls were back home over the short holiday weekend, and while both slept late in the comfort of their own beds, they made it clear when they woke up that they wanted to visit the mall for some winter clothes. I found out a long time ago that it was easier to just empty my pockets than to follow them around the mall, and that happened again as Dad got in a few extra winks while we went shopping. Oh well, nothing is free, not even an afternoon nap.

ELBA TIGERS MAKE EARLY EXIT IN 3A PLAYOFFS

It just wasn't meant to be for the Elba Tigers in their opening round trip in the Class 3A playoffs as everything that could go wrong did go wrong. The charter bus for the players broke down on its way to Elba and arrived an hour late, then broke down again on the way to the game and resulted in the pre-game meal being almost two hours late. The bus did finally arrive in Winfield approximately thirty-minutes before the scheduled kickoff, and after relating the story of the trip, the game officials agreed to give the team time to warm up and backed up the starting time to 7:30. It didn't get much better after the game got started as the Tigers failed to score after having the ball first and goal on three different occasions and also failed to score after moving to a first down at the Winfield 18-yard line. Elba did win seven games during the regular season and made huge strides toward turning the program around, and the long trip to Winfield might get the players excited about working hard in the off-season in hopes of hosting a playoff game next season. It may be over, but it was a fun ride while it lasted!

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

*** The Brantley Bulldogs made it look easy with a 49-24 win over Sunshine in the opening round of the 1A playoffs. The Bulldogs pulled ahead 42-6 midway through the third quarter in the blowout win, and only two late scores by the visitors made the final look closer than it actually was. If Brantley keeps winning it will probably have to play Wadley, Sweet Water and Maplesville to make it to Birmingham. So, the first round blowout may come in handy with such powerful foes yet to play.

*** The opening round of the playoffs is always filled with lopsided wins, as the #1 seeds vs. the #4 seeds. That was true again this season with the top seeds winning 45 of the 48 opening round games. The only exceptions were wins by Lincoln, UMS-Wright and Hoover, with Hoover's fourth place seeding being because of the #2 seeds posted a 32-16 record, which means the higher seeded teams won 77 of the 96 games played in the opening week of the playoffs.

*** While on the subject of high school football playoffs, the Alabama High School Athletic Association has got to sit down and make changes to the early round of the playoffs. Schools are being given the option to send their football teams across the state at the early rounds, with the high price of fuel and the cost of renting charter buses to make the trips, the schools lose money much more often than they make any. In the region Elba plays in the rides were terrible, with Elba driving to Winfield (502 miles round trip) and Slossburg driving to Cordova (531 miles round trip). The AHSSA added another round to the playoffs back when it was to a region alignment, but one would be let to the regional teams meet each other again in a region playoff and let them let the top two teams head out for the playoffs. If that had been the case, Elba would have faced Geneva in a rematch and Pike County would have hosted Slossburg. There would have been bigger crowds and the schools would have made more, instead of spending thousands, I might not have the answer, but there has to be a change.

*** Alabama may have beaten Arkansas and Tennessee, and may have the highest paid coach in the nation, but until the Crimson Tide can beat Mississippi State in football no one can say the Alabama program is headed in the right direction. Last weekend's embarrassment at Starkville marked the third straight season in which the Alabama offense didn't score a touchdown against the lowly Bulldogs, and was the Tide's second straight loss to Coach Sylvester Croom and his team. Bama fans can say what they want and act like everything will be better because of Coach Saban. However, I for one feel like the Alabama program isn't much better off than it was years ago.

*** I may be wrong, but it looked like to me that Auburn quit after Georgia went up 31-20 in the third quarter and then suffered an interception. The TV announcers had been bragging about how Auburn's front seven had dominated the game and how the Tigers were still in charge, but the players seemed to throw in the towel late in the third quarter on both offense and defense and the end result was an embarrassing 45-20 defeat. Auburn has lots of very good players and some of the top coaches in the nation, but the true test of a team's character is shown when things are going bad, and Saturday night the players and coaches all failed that test.

*** In closing... Elba High School hosted the first Elba Junior High Basketball Tournament last week and the event was a huge success. A total of 15 teams took part in the boys and girls divisions of the event over three days, with all the teams getting the chance to play three games against solid competition. The crowds were good, the play was exciting and the event had to be a financial success for the girls basketball program at Elba High. Coach Peacock put in hours of work in preparation and did a great job of bringing a basketball tournament back to Elba High.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PICKS PLAYOFFS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped by the office Sunday morning and still looked a little sleepy after getting back to town around three in the morning after the long ride to Winfield. The local guesspert was disappointed with Elba's first round loss, but admitted it would be nice to get the chance to rest at home on Friday.

Elba Junior Tigers take runner-up honors at junior high tournament

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Elba 39 Samson 11 – The Elba Tigers pulled ahead early and rolled to a 31-19 win over Zion Chapel. The Tigers jumped out to an early 11-0 lead, moved on top 19-2 by the end of the half and coasted to the easy win. Devante Maryland scored 12 points and Justin Wright added 11 to lead Elba, while also scoring were Camley 2, Anderson 2, Johnson 2 and Rodgers 2. Powell led Zion Chapel with 15 points.

Elba Lady Tigers place third at junior high basketball tournament

The Elba Junior High Lady Tigers hosted the Elba Junior High Basketball Tournament last week and posted one win and one loss to claim consolation honors in the seven-team event.

Following are tournament highlights:

Samson 25 Elba 21 – The Elba Lady Tigers saw a second half rally fall short in a 25-21 semifinal loss to Samson. The Lady Tigers trailed 15-6 at the half, but rallied in the second half and battled until the final buzzer, only to fall four points short. Keauna Edwards scored 11 points to lead Elba, while

also scoring were Hutchinson 7 and Singletary 3. Hornsby scored 17 points to lead Samson.

Zion Chapel 20 –

The Elba Lady Tigers claimed third place in the tournament with a 25-20 win over Zion Chapel, in the consolation game. The Lady Tigers used a 10-4 second half run to grab a 14-8 lead and held on late to claim the win. Keauna Edwards scored 12 points to lead Elba, while also scoring were Singletary 4, Hutchinson 4, Bane 2, Williams 2 and Sims 1. Downing and Petry both scored 6 points to lead Zion Chapel.

Elba Junior High Lady Tigers open season with one win in four games

The Elba Junior High Lady Tigers tipped off their basketball season recently and encountered some early-season struggles as they dropped three of their opening four games.

Following are early-season highlights:

Fleeta 24 Elba 22 – The Elba Lady Tigers saw a late rally fall short in a 24-22 loss to Fleeta. The Lady Tigers scored only two points in the opening quarter and trailed 10-6 at the half, but staged a second half rally and saw a last-second shot roll off the rim as they suffered the loss. Keauna Edwards scored 9 points to lead Elba, while also scoring were Whittfield 7 and Hutchinson 6.

Samson 39 Elba 12 – The Elba Lady Tigers saw an early lead vanish in a 39-12 loss to Samson. The Lady Tigers owned a slim 4-2 lead after one quarter and trailed only 10-9 at the half, but couldn't keep up the pace in the second half and took the loss. Jacquetta Whitfield scored 21 points to lead Elba, while also scoring were Edwards 9, Hutchinson 4, Singletary 2 and Culver 1.

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nights after eleven straight weeks of football. The guesspert hit on 25 of 29 playoff picks last week and dropped by his picks for second round action...

BRANTLEY VS. WADLEY

The Bulldogs from up across the river will get to stay at the pound this week in second round playoff action and will have to guard their food bowl as word is a hungry pack.

Dogs from up in the country plan to arrive just before kickoff.

The Bulldogs have always done a good job of defending the pound, and will have to be at their best Friday night if they hope to move on in post-season action.

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In opening round of 1A playoffs

Brantley Bulldogs eclipse Sunshine 49-24

By Greg Brunson
Photos by Janet Brunson

The Brantley Bulldogs opened the 2007 playoff season Friday night with an impressive 49-24 win over the Sunshine Tigers, led by Anthony Gulley with 3 rushing touchdowns, 1 passing touchdown and 1 touchdown receiving as the junior standout amassed 357 all purpose yards.

On the game's first snap, Anthony Gulley took a toss, cut up the middle and raced 57 yards for a touchdown. Britt Barnes kicked the extra-point and with only 17-seconds gone off the clock the Bulldogs were in command with a 14-0 lead with 5:18 remaining in the first quarter.

The Bulldogs next possession lasted longer, but had the same results as they went on a 10-play scoring drive. Justin Wright carried the drive when he powered in from one yard out, and Barnes booted the extra-point as Brantley's lead went to 14-6 with only 10-seconds remaining in the half.

Brantley kicked off to open the second half, but got the ball right back when Justin Wright caused a fumble on the kickoff return that was recovered by Anthony Gulley at the Sunshine 8-yardline. Two runs by Gulley put the Bulldogs back in the endzone, and after the extra-point by Barnes Brantley was back in command with a 35-6 lead with 11:04 remaining in the third quarter.

Sunshine showed signs of life offensively early in the second quarter and drove deep into Bulldogs territory. On fourth down and goal from the 3-yardline the scoring threat ended when the Tigers' Tevin Griffin was knocked out of bounds at the 2-yardline on a jarring hit by Robert Knighten.

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Sunshine took the ensuing kickoff and marched 66 yards in 5 plays to add to their point total. The score came on a 25-yard pass from Marcus Lee to Darrell Lockett, and while the two-point try failed, the Tigers cut the Brantley lead to 42-12 with 1:55 left in the third quarter.

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yards. Devante Porter had a 32-yard run and scored the touchdown on a 3-yard dash, and Barnes added his seventh straight extra-point of the night as the Bulldogs lead went to 49-12 with 11:55 remaining in the game.

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